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DELIGHTFUL EVENING GIVEN BY TIMMINS K. of C.

Great Fun at Cards. Excellent Music 800 Pounds of Poultry Given as Prizes at First Annual Stag Party.

Among the many present for the occasion there will be few indeed who will not enthusiastically insist that the Stag Party given by the Timmins K. of C. in the Parish Hall last Wednesday was one of the most successful and enjoyable events of its kind ever held in the North Land. All present certainly enjoyed a wonderful evening. The card playing provided a lot of fun and pleasure. The Bridge was in charge of Mr. D. Keeley. There were 5 tables of Bridge. The winners were:—1st, S. A. Wookey; 2nd, Jos. E. Newton.

The Five Hundred was in charge of Mr. Geo. Lake. There were six tables 1st, J. T. Newton; 2nd, D. Pelletier; 3rd, L. Laflamme.

There were six tables of Cribbage, in charge of J. Anderchuk. The winners were:—1st, L. W. Campbell; 2nd, D. Laprairie.

Auction 45's, in charge of Mr. J. Anderchuk, had two tables, the winner being D. Fox.

Mr. J. Scully had charge of the Euchre, there being no less than 22 tables. The winners were:—Messrs. H. Jeffreys, Morrisette, Ribout, F. Valois.

The list of prizes included 23 turkeys, 2 geese, 17 ducks, 85 chickens, 5 plum puddings, 6 1/2 lb. packages of Christmas cake, 1 box cigars, 2 hams. The total of 800 pounds of poultry was given away in prizes. Some of the poultry not awarded in prizes was sent to friends in town, the Knights showing a very pleasing breadth of generosity in those to whom they sent turkeys as a Christmas token. The Knights of Columbus proved they had the true spirit of Christmas good-will to all men.

The music for the occasion was something specially good. Mr. R. R. Johnston, on the piano, and Mr. Hirschman on the violin delighted the big crowd with their good music, while the vocal quartettes by Messrs. Dodge, Heffernan, Geils and Burrill was another musical treat that was much enjoyed.

"Dutch Lunch" was served after the cards. Mr. A. Laprairie made a big hit with his clever rendition of Habitant poems and stories. He is a genius at this, and gave inimitable rendering of such selections as "De ole Swang Bridge," "De Ball de Base Game," and "Soek-her," (Soocer).

During the evening clay pipes and tobacco, cigars and cigarettes, put up the smoke barrage to hide the standard methods used in playing euchre.

It is suggested also to use padded-topped tables in future for "45's" players to prevent knuckle-cracking.

While this was the first non-secular stag party run by the Knights of Columbus in Timmins, it was unanimously decided to make the Turkey Stag Party an annual event.

The Entertainment Committee of the Knights of Columbus have asked The Advance to express their thanks to the outsiders who contributed to making the evening a very enjoyable one. On the other hand The Advance would fall in favour unless it expressed for the visitors the sincere appreciation felt by all attending not only for the enjoyable evening sport but also for the goodwill and friendliness shown by the Knights of Columbus.

GOVERNMENT SELLS BLOCKS OF TIMBER IN FIRSTBROOK

Four small blocks of timber were disposed last week by the Provincial Government, three of them in Firstbrook township. All the limits were of one and two square miles dimensions.

Block one, Firstbrook township went to C. J. Price, New Liskeard, a two-mile-square area, for which he paid \$6.25 for pine, \$5.69 for spruce, and \$3.40 for other timber, inclusive of Crown dues.

The Norfolk and Rochester Hardware Company, Haileybury, was the successful bidder on block No. 2, of the same township, which is principally a sawlog proposition. It pays \$6 for pine, \$5 for spruce and \$3.50 for other timber.

J. Meyers of New Liskeard secured block No. 3, a one-square-mile limit, also a sawlog area, paying \$6.55 for pine, \$5.90 for spruce and \$3.50 for other timber, inclusive of Crown dues.

John Clarke, Englehart, secured a mile-square limit in the township of Teek, on which he pays \$7 for pine, inclusive of dues. It is a mining claim proposition.

SCHOOL CLOSING CONCERT AT SCHUMACHER FRIDAY

Beautiful Present for Every Pupil by Mr. F. W. Schumacher, of Columbus, Ohio.

Schumacher Public School had a very delightful Closing Concert and Christmas Tree on Friday afternoon, Dec. 21st. There was a present for every pupil of the school and the gifts were of unusually high quality. These gifts were given by Mr. F. W. Schumacher, of Columbus, Ohio, the original owner of the townsite and after whom the town is named. The presents given by Mr. Schumacher were specially good ones, including boys' sleighs, dolls for the girls, books, etc. As one pupil said, they were real presents all right. There were no less than 48 substantial sleighs given to the boys.

The programme for the closing exercises was particularly good, consisting of choruses, songs, recitations, dialogues, and plays, etc., given by the pupils. Those taking part in the programme all displayed high talent. After the programme a tasty lunch was served. Then followed the distribution of presents. The teachers, pupils, and parents, appreciate very much the generosity and kindness of Mr. Williams, his representative at Schumacher. Among those attending the event were a large number of the parents of the pupils, as well as the School Board, Rev. J. D. Parks and Mr. J. E. Williams, Mr. Schumacher's representative in Schumacher. The School Board representatives for the occasion were: Mr. Godfrey Johnson, chairman; Mr. Geo. Murphy, secretary; Mr. James Shewan.

KINDERGARTEN OPENING FOR CHILDREN 5 YEARS OLD

After the Christmas vacation Kindergarten for children five years and over will open at the Timmins Central Public School. Parents are requested to specially note that all children for the Kindergarten must join at the beginning of the term, the first day being Jan. 7th, next Monday.

FIRST TICKET AT HAILEYBURY NEW STATION WAS TO TIMMINS

The Haileyburian last week says:—The new T. & N.O. station was put into commission on Friday morning last and the station officials and the travelling public are greatly appreciative of the change from the old cramped quarters. Mr. Doherty, the ticket agent, is particularly pleased with his new office which has every convenience for facilitating his work and the commodious and beautiful finished waiting rooms are like those of a city station. The honor of purchasing the first ticket in the new building went to Mr. Nicholson, a commercial traveller from Toronto, who left Haileybury on Friday morning for Timmins. The old car which has done duty as a station for that past year, has been taken to Englehart, where it will be used as a bunk room for engineers of the road.

MANY CHRISTMAS TREES HELD HERE THIS YEAR

The children of Timmins and district have had a good Christmas this year all right, and it is doubtful indeed if any single case has been missed. The usual Christmas Trees were given by the churches and Salvation Army, and in addition such organizations as the Ladies of Charity were looking after cases that might otherwise be missed. The Kiwanis Club Community Christmas Tree was also a new feature to the town, as was also the New Empire Theatre and Porcupine Advance Matinee last Friday. The Christmas Trees at the churches this year were noteworthy on account of the increased numbers attending and the enlarged programmes made to fill the increased needs. The Presbyterian Christmas Tree entertainment was a particularly large one in point of attendance and excellence of programme. The same may be said in regard to the Baptist Church Christmas entertainment, a particularly well-rendered cantata by the children being a feature of the Baptist event. Altogether, it may be said that these were lots of Christmas cheer for the youngsters of Timmins this year, the established lodges, churches, and other organizations, all doing their part well to meet the requirements of this rapidly growing town.

Messrs. H. and J. Jackson spent Christmas in Cobalt.

TIMMINS RINK TO OPEN MONDAY EVENING NEXT

Children Allowed to Skate at Rink on Christmas Day. Formal Opening Next Monday, Dec. 31st.

Timmins Rink will be formally opened on Monday evening next, Dec. 31st. The manager says that the public opening will take place next Monday, rain or shine, blow, freeze, snow or whatnot. The weather so far has not been favourable for opening the rink to the public, but it is expected that everything will be all right on Monday night. There is a good sheet of ice at the rink now. The children were allowed at the rink yesterday, Christmas Day, about a hundred of them enjoying the skating.

It is expected that the Band will be in attendance at the formal opening on Monday evening, and a big crowd of skaters and spectators is expected.

This season for all hockey matches and on skating nights spectators will be admitted by the Birch street entrance only.

PRESENTATION MADE TO BANDMASTER F. J. WOLNO

Previous to his leaving for Montreal where he will be married on Jan. 2nd, the Timmins Citizens' Band presented Mr. F. J. Wolno, Band Leader, with a beautiful Silver Tea Service. The tray was engraved with the inscription, "Presented by Timmins Citizens' Band, Dec. 1923." The presentation was made at a banquet tendered the Bandmaster at the Prince of Wales Hotel. The president of the Band, G. A. Macdonald, presided, and expressed the appreciation felt not only by the Band but also by the citizens of the town for the high qualities and the generous services to the town of Bandmaster Wolno. In making the presentation, the Vice-President, Mr. A. Prout, spoke of the regard felt by all the Band for the Leader. He pointed out the progress made by the Band under Mr. Wolno's leadership, and also made reference to the sincere good wishes extended by all to Mr. Wolno on the occasion of his approaching marriage. Mr. Wolno made appropriate reply, expressing his appreciation of the beautiful gift and of the spirit in which it was given. He took occasion to refer to the fine spirit of co-operation and friendliness among the band members, pointing out that this was responsible largely for the band's progress as without the interest and support of the members no Bandmaster could accomplish much. Dr. McInnis, Mayor of Timmins; Mr. A. Borland, first President of the Timmins Citizens' Band; Rev. Fr. Theriault, one of the founders and first players in the Band; and Messrs. J. T. Easton, Jas. Geils, J. B. Pare and others made brief but appropriate addresses. Some of the addresses were bright with wit and humor, some contained helpful hints and constructive criticism regarding the Band and the Band Concerts, but all were agreed in placing the highest value on Bandmaster Wolno and extending to him the sincere good wishes on the occasion of his marriage. Another point that met with unanimous approval was the reference to Mr. E. W. Johnston, now of Bridgeburg, who is recognized as the "Father" of the Timmins Band, and who was the first Leader of the organization. After the Mayor and the Fire Chief had mentioned Mr. Johnston in high terms, Mr. Jas. Geils suggested that "right here and now" the Band show its appreciation of Mr. Johnston in tangible way. This met very hearty support and in a few minutes there was a purse of forty dollars collected to give Mr. Johnston a Christmas token and greeting. Later, it was decided to have Fire Chief Borland wire the money to Mr. Johnston before Christmas, so that he could secure his own Christmas gift from the Band he founded. Mr. Johnston is at present ill at his son's home in Bridgeburg, and all his many acquaintances here will heartily wish him a speedy return to health and strength.

The presentation to Band Leader Wolno was also made the occasion of another presentation to another Mr. Johnston. Mr. R. R. Johnston was presented with a gold pen and pencil set, engraved with his name. Mr. R. R. Johnston has been particularly generous in giving his services to the Timmins Band as accompanist for the band concerts and in other ways, and the presentation was made to him as a token of the appreciation felt for his talented services as

FELL FROM DELIVERY RIG AND FRACTURED SKULL

Boniface Laplaunte Meets Accidental Death on Friday Afternoon.

The community was saddened last week by the sad death of a young man named Boniface Laplaunte who was accidentally killed at the railway subway bridge on Friday afternoon. The accident occurred at about 5:30. The young man had been employed as driver for the Marshall-Eccleston Co., and was returning from a trip to South Porcupine. Coming through the subway, the sleighs slewed badly and the driver lost his balance and fell out of the delivery rig. His head struck one of the timbers supporting the bridge, the front of his skull being smashed in. Death would be instantaneous, it is thought. The horses stopped at the Timmins Garage, apparently noting the absence of their driver. The accident was seen by many and there was prompt help at hand, but the young man was beyond the power of skill or attention. An inquest was not necessary, the facts being apparent and death being clearly due to accident.

The late Boniface Laplaunte was 29 years of age at the time of death. His home was at Chenierville, Que., to which place the remains were shipped yesterday, a brother, who is a resident of Timmins, accompanying the body on its last journey home. Another brother is working on the T. & N.O. construction work north of Cochrane. Although not resident of Timmins for many years, the deceased had many friends here, and regret is very general at his untimely death.

BAND CONCERT SUNDAY PROVES ANOTHER SUCCESS

Both in attendance and in the merit of the programme the Band Concert on Sunday evening may be set down as the last and best of the year. The New Empire Theatre was crowded to the doors, and many had to be turned away. The programme rendered was much appreciated, every item being something specially good. The work of the Band came in for special commendation. The Timmins Citizens' Band gave an effective and finished rendition of each band selection on the programme. The numbers all proved popular. The band selections included:—March, "Carillon"; selection, "In Coonland"; selection, "Maritana"; march, "On the Quarter Deck." Mr. J. E. Garet, in fine voice, gave an attractive rendition of "Mary of Argyle," winning hearty encore. Mr. W. Ramsay's solo showed the fine tone and range of his attractive tenor voice and merited the decided recall accorded. In the responding number, "I Passed by Your Window," Mr. Ramsay was heard to equal advantage. His solos were much appreciated. The selection by Holland's Orchestra (pupils of Prof. Schroeder) made a big hit with the audience and was heartily encored. Miss Lacaste on the cornet was particularly good and specially pleased the gathering. The violin duet by Messrs. Holland and Simard was another outstanding number that delighted all and won very enthusiastic encore. Mr. J. Boisenault, a recent addition to the musical talent of the town, won very pronounced applause by his saxophone solos. Mr. Boisenault was considered by the Victor Record people to be worthy of a place on their staff of artists for the Victor records. The audience did not know this until after his selections had been given on Sunday, but the enthusiastic appreciation shown proved that the audience recognized the splendid talent of Mr. Boisenault on the saxophone. Mr. R. R. Johnston played the accompaniments during the evening. The next Band Concert by the Timmins Citizens' Band will be held sometime next month, announcement of the date to be made later.

CALEDONIANS TO OBSERVE HOGMANAY ON MONDAY EVE

The celebration of "Hogmanay," the Old Land festival, will be held on Monday evening in the I.O.O.F. Hall, under the auspices of the Caledonian Society of Timmins. Mr. P. Macanlay is the chairman of the committee in charge of the event. There will be dancing, games and other social pleasures, the idea being to observe the passing of the old year and the entrance of the new year after the manner of the customs of auld Scotia.

INCREASE IN ATTENDANCE AT SCHUMACHER SCHOOL

Schumacher is growing in very satisfactory way. This is shown by the steady increase in attendance at the school. The continued increase of attendance has made it necessary to open an additional room at the Schumacher School. The new classes will be in charge of Miss Murphy, of Kirkland Lake. All parents are requested to send all children six years and over to school at the opening of the new term, Jan. 3rd. Before the Christmas holidays the attendance at the Schumacher School was 215. At least 245 pupils are expected for the opening of the new term starting Thursday, Jan. 3rd.

Mr. Henry Lang, of New Liskeard, presented The New Liskeard Speaker some days ago with a handsome bouquet of pansies picked from his garden. As The Speaker remarks, "Picking pansies in Temiskaming on Dec. 14th is worthy of note by those who think we live at the North Pole."

HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN ENJOYED BIG MATINEE

Event Given by Porcupine Advance and New Empire Theatre a Big Success.

The matinee given last Friday to the school children of the Camp brought out big crowds, most of whom came early to avoid the rush. The event was under the joint auspices of The Porcupine Advance and the New Empire Theatre, and was scheduled to commence at 2:30 p.m. At 1:30 the crowds had gathered and it was necessary to open the theatre to accommodate the youngsters. There would be fully 1,200 youngsters who enjoyed the event, two and three in a seat being the rule. Several had to be turned away for lack of further room after 2 o'clock. To the latter, however, chocolate bars and blotters were distributed and the facts explained. No other place being available for the overflow crowd, and it being impossible to hold two shows in the afternoon, there was no way out of the difficulty presented by the unusually large turnout. A number of citizens of the Town assisted in caring for the monster crowd, and it may be said that the order was remarkable. Neither in going in or out of the theatre was there even crowding or pushing. The youngsters stayed to the very end, and it was a genuine pleasure to hear the hearty way they sang "God Save the King" at the conclusion of the entertainment.

The audience was the largest ever gathered in the New Empire Theatre, and undoubtedly the most appreciative. They were all having a whale of a good time and did not care who knew it. The programme of motion pictures for the occasion was an ideal one, the comedy element predominating, and the way the youngsters rippled and roared with laughter at the humors of the show took years from the age of all the adults present. In addition to the excellent reels of news, feature, review and comedy pictures, there were cleverly given comic songs by Messrs. J. Cowan and Steve Lynn, both of whom delighted the youngsters. Another hit was Mr. H. Nichols as "Rastus," who gave a funny "colored gentleman" stunt that the kiddies enjoyed much. The hit of the day, however, was Santa Claus, Mr. J. W. Faithful making a very capable deputy for the patron saint of the children. Santa Claus' two brief addresses caught the fancy of the crowd and they gave him very enthusiastic reception and wanted to see him all the time. After the entertainment Mr. W. J. Browne took a flashlight picture of the big crowd with Santa Claus in front. As the children passed out, blotters with Christmas wishes and chocolate bars were distributed at the doors. The Advance wishes to thank all the kind friends who contributed to the success of the event and thus gave the children a happy afternoon.

BOY HAS LEG BROKEN BY COASTING SLEIGH MONDAY

Ernest Greer, the nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Greer, had his left leg broken above the knee on Monday afternoon by being run into by a heavy sleigh. A lad of sixteen or seventeen was coasting down the walk on Fifth Avenue with a very heavy sleigh, and collided with Ernest Greer who was on the sidewalk and unable to get out of the way of the swiftly-travelling sleigh. Medical attention was secured at once for the injured boy, the fractured leg was set, and at present the boy is making fine progress to recovery. In the meantime, however, he suffered considerably from the injury. This accident should be taken as a serious warning to all not to run sleighs on the walks and thus endanger others. The sleigh that did the damage Monday was a big heavy one, and any collision with it would naturally result in serious injury. The running of sleighs on the walks is a very dangerous practice and the police have been active this winter in stopping this form of pastime. The accident on Monday shows how necessary it is to prevent the use of the walks for coasting. All concerned should take notice and keep coasting sleighs off the walks.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE DISTRICT BOY SCOUTS

Officers Elected for Ensuing Year. Rev. R. S. Cushing, Vice-President.

The annual meeting of the Temiskaming District Boy Scouts Association was held in the Y.M.C.A. building, Cobalt, on Monday of last week. There was a fair-sized attendance of representatives from the various parts of the large district covered by the Association. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—

President: H. E. McKee, Cobalt, (re-elected).

Vice Presidents: Rev. R. S. Cushing, Timmins; F. E. Thompson, New Liskeard, and George Gibbons, North Cobalt.

Secretary: C. F. Tuer, Haileybury. Treasurer: Rev. George Barry, Cobalt.

Executive Committee: The President, secretary and treasurer, with Rev. Mr. Cushing, Timmins, and Mr. Griffiths, Iroquois Falls, Scoutmaster Anderson, North Cobalt, and the Scout Commissioner.

Finance Committee: The President, secretary and treasurer, with Mayor McDonald, North Bay; Mayor Vanier, Iroquois Falls; Mayor McInnis, Timmins; Judge Hartman, R. A. McInnis, Iroquois Falls and the Commissioner.

The next annual meeting was decided upon as to be held the first week of October, 1924, at Iroquois Falls.

In its report of the meeting The Northern News, of Cobalt, says:—The annual report of Commissioner Gridley indicated that the membership for the district was 235 of all ranks in the Scouts and 91 in the Cubs. The figures of the former are down from last year, but the difference, it is stated, is accounted for by the fact that while North Bay had a hundred members on the books only about 30 were present at the meetings. The Commissioner stated that all of the troops, except Hears and Cochrane, were in good shape and those who had suffered from the fire were recovering. The work was greatly hampered by two causes, lack of leadership in some places and lack of finances, Mr. Gridley said. The meeting adopted a resolution recommending that Claire Severt be made honorary scoutmaster of Cobalt troop. Other recommendations made by the Commissioner were also adopted, these including the withdrawal of the warrants of inactive officers, a request to delinquent troops either to revive or turn in their charters a smaller finance committee and appointment of a Field and Financial Secretary to visit the various centres more frequently and to arrange for finances. At the same time the arrangements for the annual hockey competition were amended to permit boys over 16 and under 18 on January 1, 1924, to compete for a separate trophy to that put up for competition for those under 16 years and players must have been members of the organization for three months, except in the case of new troops. The Secretary and the Commissioner will act as Athletic Committee, with power to add to their number. H. Ellis Gridley will be recommended as Commissioner again.

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